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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I am a senior nearing 80 years old who still must work for a living, thus must work from home. I depend on my low-cost, competitive, DSL email service provider for obtaining clients, communication with clients, etc. And as an older patient, I depend on my low-cost, competitive DSL email service provider for regular communication and information exchange with my doctor and other medical providers.

When I moved from a rural area that that had cooperative Net service provider, and had to use one of the two major-corporations' Internet coverage available in this city, my Internet cost increased to 4x more than I had paid--for no better coverage. But at least my email service through a low-cost/competitive DSL provide has continued available. Were that to increase by 2 or 3 x, as it would with a major-corporate provider, I could no longer keep my Net and email-based work going. This is among the reasons you must allow broadband competition to continue as it's been.

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